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SUBJ: MALIK ON U.S. TRADE ACT

1. DURING MARCH 27 PRESS CONFERENCE, FONMIN MALIK SAID INDONESIA "STRONGLY PROTESTS DISCRIMINATORY ACTION" IN 1975 U.S. TRADE ACT EXCLUDING INDONESIA FROM GSP TREATMENT BECAUSE OF ITS OPEC MEMBERSHIP. MALIK ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT USG IS NOW SEARCHING FOR A WAY TO REMOVE INDONESIA FROM WHAT LOCAL PRESS DESCRIBES AS TRADE ACT'S "BLACKLIST".

2. EXCLUSION OF INDONESIA AND OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES FROM GSP PROVISIONS OF TRADE ACT WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY FLURRY OF JAKARTA PRESS REPORTS LAST WEEK ON SO-CALLED "BLACKLIST" AND SOME NEGATIVE EDITORIAL COMMENT. NATIONALIST MERDEKA, FOR EXAMPLE, DESCRIBED TRADE ACT AS PART OF U.S. POLICY OF "REPRISALS AGAINST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." ALTHOUGH REPORTS MENTIONED USG WAS ATTEMPTING TO FIND WAY TO MAKE INDONESIA ELIGIBLE FOR GSP UNDER ACT, MAJOR EMPHASIS ON TERM "BLACKLIST" CONVEYED NEGATIVE IMPRESSION OF U.S.

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INTENTIONS.

3. IN EFFORT TO COUNTERACT NEGATIVE REPORTING AND DEMONSTRATE EFFORTS OF U.S. EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO QUALIFY INDONESIA FOR GSP, USIS HAS SUCCEEDED IN PLACING IN OFFICIAL ANTARA AND OTHER PAPERS MONDAY, MARCH 31, JOHN HARTER IPS FEATURE REPORTING THAT 24 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING INDONESIA, ARE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION FOR GSP ELIGIBILITY ALONG WITH OTHER BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNDER THE TRADE ACT.
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